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The following observations were made in Gera (u 51/X 06) between 8 and 24 March 1950:

## 1. Barracks on Steinertsberg:

a. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

b. Four trucks with mounted rail-type rocket launchers were seen in the garages on 10 March 1950.

c. A squad of six soldiers, apparently recruits, constructed a telephone line. Three units, each in about company strength, were seen to fall in at the barracks yard successively on 17 March 1950. A lieutenant colonel left the barracks.

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## 2. Barracks in Gera-Tinz:

a. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

b. Three T34 tanks were seen in the barracks yard on 19 March 1950.

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3. Former kommandatura on Ebelingstrasse:

Occupied by a new unit on 8 March 1950. Thirty motor vehicles with superstructures carrying bridge-building equipment were observed.

The kommandatura gate was guarded by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 17 March 1950.

4. Most of the married officers at the post had recently been replaced by young officers. (4)

Comment:

(1) The unit stationed in the barracks on Steinertsberg (also referred to as Reuss Kaserne) include the HQ XXVIII Gds Ltz Rifle Corps, the 578th AT Arty Regt/38th AT Arty Brig and a rocket launcher unit (316th RL Regt?), according to previous information which is confirmed by the report (observation of artillery insignia, trucks with mounted rail-type rocket launchers)

(2) A tank battalion was reported to be stationed in the barracks in 1942. The observation of T34 tanks indicated that a tank unit of the 20th Gds Mocz Div may be there.

(3) An engineer unit of the GOFG (elements of the 36th Pion bridge Regt?),

The unit may have been there temporarily (passing through en route to a troop training grounds?).

(4) The information agrees with reports from other military posts.

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